MINUTES

OF THE

EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

AND

MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

Convened in St. Paul's Church, Catawba Co'y., N. C.,
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MINUTES.

Pursuant to a resolution of last Synod, the Ministers and Delegates composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled at St. Paul's church, Catawba county, N. C., May 5th, 1848. The President preached his Synodical sermon from Acts xx, 17—21. After which the members of Synod present were called to order with singing and prayer by the President. The roll was then called and the absentees noted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. D. SCHECK,†	*Lutheraville, Rowan county, N. C.,*
" WM. ARTZ,†	*Holt's Store, Orange* " "
" J. B. ANTHONY,	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "
" S. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan* " "
" B. AREY,	*Statesville, Iredell* " "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus* " "
" J. CRIM,	*Mocksville, Davie* " "
" J. A. LINN,*	*Rockville, Rowan* " "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,‡	*Clapp's, Guilford* " "
" A. GRIMES,‡	*Wilkesboro', Wilkes* " "
" J. SWICEGOOD,	*Brownton, Davidson* " "
" J. H. COFFMAN,	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "

The following Lay-brethren presented their credentials of appointment as Delegates to this Synod.

Capt. JOHN SLOOP,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.*
DAVID BARRINGER, Esq.,	" *J. B. Anthony's* "
SOLOMON NUSSMAN,	" *S. Rothrock's* "
JONAS BOST, Esq.,	" *B. Arey's* "
WILSON BLACKWELDER, Esq.,	" *W. G. Harter's* "
SOLOMON SEAFORD,	" *J. Crim's* "
WM. H. SMITH,	" *J. H. Coffman's* "

* Absent, but afterward arrived. † Absent with excuse. ‡ Absent.

The certificates of Messrs. Blackwelder and Seaford being irregular, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of two on elections be appointed to examine them and report.

Committee—Rev. J. B. Anthony and B. Arey, who made the following report.

Report No. 1.

The Committee to whom were referred the irregular certificates of Messrs. Blackwelder and Seaford, beg leave to report that, as these certificates are regularly signed by the pastors, and as we suppose they did not apprehend constitutional defect, we recommend that under existing circumstances these delegates be admitted to seats; but we hope the pastors and church councils will, in future, be more careful in preparing their certificates.

J. B. ANTHONY,
B. AREY.

Adopted.

The President read his annual report before the house, and upon motion it was received.

THE PRESIDENTS' ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through a kind and over-ruling Providence, we are again permitted to assemble in Synodical Convention. During the past year, God was pleased to extend unto us his protecting and preserving care, and to impart unto us his favors, richly and profusely. Since our last meeting, at Organ Church, many of our race have been summoned away from earth—they have gone the way of all flesh. But *we* are still here. Ours is the priviledge of meeting as an Ecclesiastical body to hold sweet counsel together; to interchange freely and familiarly our sentiments on subjects of a religious nature, and connected with the interests of the Church; and to rehearse the doings of God in our several pastoral charges. Ours is the privilege, the high privilege, as a band of christian brethren, to combine our counsel in devising plans for the most judicious and efficient cultivation of that portion of the Master's vineyard, which has been more especially committed to our spiritual husbandry, and to concentrate our efforts in the execution of the plans which our deliberate counsel may mature. Sustaining the relation of spiritual guides and spiritual instructors, and, as our own happiness, both present and future, and that of our fellow-men to a certain extent, are intimately connected with the faithful performance of duty on our part, how deeply ought we to feel the responsibility resting upon us. And how appropriate is the present occasion for a prayerful review of our past Ministerial history, and how suitable, too, the occasion for deep humiliation before God on account of past remissness in the performance of duty; and for the formation of new purposes of obedience and fidelity, as we are about entering upon another Ecclesiastical year.—God be pleased to grant unto us the enlightening influences of his Spirit; discover

unto us our true spiritual condition; aid us in the entire consecration of all that we have and are to his service, and direct us in all our counsels to his name's glory.

In compliance with our constitution, I will now present you with an account of my official acts during the past year.

In the month of January last, I gave, on application, an *ad interim License* to Br. John H. Coffman. Brother Coffman pursued his studies preparatory to the Ministry, in the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C. He received and accepted a call to the *pastoral* charge of the congregation in Salisbury. Accordingly he applied to me for proper credentials to officiate as a gospel Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. After furnishing me with satisfactory testimonials as to his moral and mental qualifications for the Ministry, I gave him a *License* extending to the present meeting of Synod. It will now become the duty of the Ministerium regularly to examine Br. Coffman, and then act in accordance with the result of such examination.

At the last meeting of our Synod, a preamble and resolution were adopted, having special reference to the Tennessee Synod. It was made the duty of the officers of Synod, in connection with Br. Scheck, during the course of the past year to enter into a correspondence with the principal members of that body, to ascertain how far they would go, and what efforts they would make, to trace out some common and safe ground, upon which the present generation of Lutheran families may meet and regard each other in good faith. Having but a very limited personal acquaintance with any of the ministers of that Synod, I first consulted with the Secretary of the Synod, and then addressed a letter to Rev. Jonathan R. Moser, the Secretary of the Tennessee Synod, requesting him to bring the subject of the said preamble and resolution to the special notice and attention of that body, at its ensuing meeting. I also forwarded to Rev. J. R. Moser, a copy of our printed Minutes. I am happy in being able to communicate to you, that they gave my letter and the Minutes of our Synod, a very respectful reception and special attention. But from the action had by that Synod on the subject of our preamble and resolution, they appear to have misapprehended the true intention thereof, as well as misunderstood the correct import of my letter. They (the Tennessee Synod) appear to have understood the action of our Synod as proposing, or at least desiring, a "*union*" of the two Synods upon certain conditions to be complied with on their part, whereas I stated distinctly in my letter to Rev. Moser, that the object was, not to destroy our present ecclesiastical organizations, but simply to bring about the preliminary efforts necessary to trace out some common and safe ground, upon which the present generation of Lutheran families may meet and regard each other in good faith. It is to be hoped, however, that the misunderstandings which arose among our predecessors in the church, will gradually die away, and that the desirable end contemplated by our Synod, may yet be brought about.

Under date of Feb. 5, 1848, I received a letter a from Br. W. H. Fink, in which he inclosed to me the *License* received at the last meeting of our Synod, and informed me that he was teaching school within the bounds of the South Carolina

Synod, and requested of me the proper credentials to enable him to connect himself with that body. I accordingly sent to his address a letter of honorable dismission from our Synod.

Under date of Feb. 7, 1848, I received a letter from Rev. Dr. Hazelius, Professor of Theology in the Seminary at Lexington, S. C., which I would recommend to the consideration of the Ministerium. Dr. Hazelius wished to learn my opinion relative to an opening for usefulness in Catawba county in this State. He informed me that Mr. Hopkins, a student of the Seminary, whom he recommended very favorably, was willing to labor in said field, and would be present at this meeting of our Synod. I wrote in answer to said letter, and gave such information on the subject therein adverted to, as I then had in my possession.

These are all the official acts performed by me during the past year. I now resign to you my office with the humble aspiration, that our present meeting of Synod may be to our individual edification, the edification of all who may favor us with their presence, and especially to the glory and praise of God.

SAM'L. ROTHROCK, *President.*

The election for officers was the next business in order, and upon balloting it appeared that the following were elected:

Rev. J. B. ANTHONY, *President,*
" WM. G. HARTER, *Recording Secretary,*
" B. AREY, *Corresponding Secretary,*
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

After the House was organized the former Treasurers of the Seminary and Centenary funds, were re-elected, viz: Col. J. M. Smith, Tr. of Centenary, and D. Miller, Tr. of Seminary Fund.

The Rev. J. R. Moser, of the Tennessee Synod, being present, was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

By motion the Minutes of our last Session were referred to the committee on unfinished business.

All letters, papers, petitions, &c., intended for Synod were now called for and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

1. *Committee on President's Report and other papers.*—Rev. W. G. Harter, W. Blackwelder, and J. Sloop.

2. *On Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev. B. Arey, J. Bost, and S. Nussman.

3. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. J. Crim, and Mr. S. Seaford.

4. *State of Finance.*—D. Barringer, Rev. Coffman, and Wm. H. Smith.

5. *State of Religion.*—Rev. S. Rothrock, and J. Swicegood.

A letter from Br. Artz was now read before Synod, containing his parochial report, his contributions to Synodical treasury, and his excuse for non-attendance at our present meeting.

2. *Resolved*, That Br. Artz's excuse for his absence be sustained.

The letter from the Cor. Sec. of the S. C. Synod, was read and referred to the following special committee: Rev. Messrs. Rothrock, Arey, and Crim.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn to meet to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock, in Newton, where we will hold the following sessions of our present convention.

Closed with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday Morning, 8 *o'clock*,
May 6th, 1848.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the President. The roll was called and the members answered to their names. The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Report No. 2.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. J. F. W. Leppard, Cor. Sec. of the Synod of S. C., beg leave to report:

That the suggestion in reference to a Southern Church Convention, for the accomplishment of the objects adverted to in said letter,* meets with our approval. Your committee would suggest that said Convention ought to meet early in the Summer of 1849; and concur with our brethren of the south, that the delegation to said Convention might be particularly select. The ratio of delegation might be something greater than the ratio of delegation to the General Synod. As we regard our synodical boundary as a central point for the meeting of said Convention, we would respectfully invite our brethren to fix upon some point within our boundary for said Convention. We would suggest to our brethren of the South Carolina Synod, to fix upon the precise time and place for said Convention to meet, and the ratio of representation. Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. ROTHROCK,
BENJ. AREY,
JACOB CRIM.

Adopted.

Report No. 3.

The Committee on Finances, have attended to the duty assigned them and beg leave to make the following report:

1. That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synodical Fund, and find it correct.

2. That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund,

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* The reader may desire to know what are the objects of a southern convention of the church: The Secretary takes the liberty to inform him that the leading object is, a union of the synods of South and North Carolina, West Tennessee and Western Virginia, in building the Church in the South West. To accomplish this it may be necessary to make our Theological Seminary more efficient by endowing other Professorships—and it may be made a question for this Convention, whether the publication of a religious periodical may serve as an auxiliary.

and find it incorrect. The total amount in the hands of the Treasurer at the last meeting of Synod was,.....$464 56¼

The interest on which, for one year, would be,..... 27 87¼

Whole amount, $492 44

The Treasurer only reports $462 23¼, sum total—principal and interest, which makes a difference of $30 20¼.

3. That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Seminary, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BARRINGER,
JNO. H. COFFMAN,
WM. H. SMITH,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

The Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina would respectfully report as follows:

Balance in hand at synod of 1847,.....	$53 63¼
Contributions at said synod,.....	52 23½
Whole amount,	105 86¾
Paid out,.....	61 83½
Balance due synod,.....	$44 03¼

Vouchers.

Paid Rev. S. Rothrock, as per order of synod,.....	$6 15
" Rev. J. B. Anthony, per order of synod,.....	3 41
" Rev. J. A. Linn, per order of synod,.....	0 77½
" Bruner & James, (for printing Minutes,) as per order of President and Secretary,.....	51 50
Total,	61 83½

MATTHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SEMINARY FUND.

The Treasurer of Seminary Fund, reports as follows, viz:

May 1, 1848. One note of	$190 00	
Interest paid for one year, to 26th April, 1848,		$11 40
One note of	104 00	
Interest for one year, to 26th April, 1848,		6 24
One note of [principal and interest paid]	137 00	
Interest paid		3 88½
One note of	500 00	
Interest paid,		21 52½
Interest unpaid,		51 52½
Capital,	931 00	73 05
	73 05	
Amount,	$1,004 05	

DANIEL MILLER, *Trea. of Sem'y.*

4. *Resolved*, That Br. Rothrock be a committee to take the bond of the Treasurer of Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. B. Anthony and J. Crim, be a committee to wait on the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, to correct errors in his report and take his bond.

6. *Resolved*, That Rev. Rothrock and Mr. Nussman take the bond of the Seminary Treasurer.

Report No. 4.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last annual session of this Synod and report on unfinished business, would submit the following:

On page No. 9, we find a recommendation that the President of Synod, correspond with the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod, and officers of sundry other institutions, respecting our vacancies.—2. That the Cor. Sec. be instructed to communicated the facts relating to those lands in Stokes county, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, and of the expediency of making some disposition of them. Further, that it was recommended that the brethren composing the lower conferential district hold at least four protracted meetings during the year in the destitute churches in Davidson and Stokes counties; and that they supply them with monthly preaching during that period: And that those composing the upper district supply the waste places of our Zion, in Lincoln and Catawba counties in the same manner.

On page 24 occur several items of unfinished business, viz: Br. Scheck, delegate to the General Synod, Br. Linn, to the Synod of South Carolina, and Br. Anthony to Western Virginia. And in resolution the 20th, it was recommended that the President of Synod appoint a committee to inquire into the practicability of forming our congregations into regular pastorates, and that they report at this meeting of Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB CRIM, *Ch'm.*
SOLOMON SEAFORD.

Accepted.

The items in the above report were taken up in order and discussed. The several persons alluded to were called upon and interrogated in reference to their respective duties; and satisfactory answers were given. The Delegate to the Western Va. Synod, said he had attempted to discharge his duty, but the Yadkin river being much swolen by heavy rains, he was not able to pass in his vehicle, and consequently did not meet said Synod.

Report No. 5.

The committee on the President's Report and other papers, beg leave to present the following: That document No. 1, is the President's Annual Address, which we recommend be published entire, with the minutes of Synod. That documents No. 2, 3, and 4, are letters which have been acted upon, and consequently, deserve no further attention.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. G. HARTER,
W. BLACKWELDER,
JOHN SLOOP.

Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Henkel was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Report No. 6—On Pastorates.

The committee appointed under the 20th resolution of last synod, have had the subject of forming the Synodical District into regular pastorates, under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following as their report: That Lutheran congregations should have full liberty to elect their pastors, is so well established, and has been so long practiced, that no attempt of ours to change this feature of our economy could be suffered to pass without meeting with a most merited rebuke, and the just indignation of the great body of our people; but that our Synod ought to have the right and be empowered to arrange congregations conveniently situated, into pastorates for the greater convenience of ministers and people, as it is

practiced in other Lutheran synods, is equally clear and forcible. But in the discharge of this duty, the greatest prudence should be exercised, so as not to connect churches in the same pastorate that do not harmoniously agree with each other, and that could not cordially unite under the same pastor. That this desirable object may be attained, your committee would recommend the following: That chapter 1, sec. 4, of the Constitution of our Synod, receive the following addition, viz: after the words "heterodoxy alone excepted," insert—"*to form and change ministerial districts.*"

J. B. ANTHONY,
B. AREY, } *Committee.*
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The proposed addition to the Constitution was discussed by the members generally, and finally adopted.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer by brother Crim.

At 11 o'clock, the congregation having assembled, Br. Coffman preached from I. Cor. ii., 2.

While the Ministerium were in session during the afternoon, services were conducted in the Court House by Br. Arey: text, Eze. xxxiii, 11. At night Br. Rothrock preached a sermon based upon Luke xvi, 19—31.

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* Br. Artz, one of said committee, was not present.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock, A. M., a prayer meeting was held in the Court House, and at half-past 10 o'clock the congregation, having assembled at the stand, the Secretary preached from the words—"*By his stripes we are healed.*" Is. liii, 5. Several young persons were confirmed this morning, and one adult was baptised. Also, the Lord's Supper was administered as usual—first to the clergy and lay-delegates, and afterwards to the members of the congregation.

At 3 o'clock, Br. Anthony, according to the appointment of the Missionary and Education Society, at our last Synod, preached a Missionary sermon to a crowded house, from I. Chron. xxix, 11—18, when a very respectable collection was lifted, in favor of the Home Missionary and Education Society of our Synod.

At night, Br. Linn preached to an attentive congregation from Heb. xi, 7. Theme—*The faith of Noah, and its effects.*

A prayer meeting was also held at night in the house of Major Hoffman, for the special benefit of this aged, and at present, afflicted brother. Thus closed the exercises of this holy day. We hope our labors have not been in vain. May the blessing of God rest upon them.

THIRD SESSION.

Monday Morning, May 8th.

Synod assembled according to adjournment, and the exercises of the day were commenced with prayer by Br. Linn, who had arrived on the day previous. The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

8. *Resolved*, That we re-consider the report on unfinished business.

After some discussion, the question of recommitment was put to the House, but lost.

Report No. 7.

The committee on the state of Religion would report: That whilst we have cause to lament on account of the general coldness in our congregations, there have, nevertheless, been some encouraging manifestations of God's mercy among our people. Our ministers, as a body, are zealous and industrious in preaching the word, and the people disposed to give the truth a respectful hearing; and it is to be hoped that by a faithful performance of duty on the part of both ministers and people, a brighter day will dawn upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
SAM'L. ROTHROCK,
J. SWICEGOOD.

Adopted.

The Corresponding Delegate to South Carolina Synod, stated that he did not attend to the duty assigned him, for the reason which he gave, and which was satisfactory to the Synod.

9. *Resolved*, That the "Lutherische Bothschafter," (Lutheran Messenger,) a German paper, edited by the Rev. Mr. Bierdemann, of Ohio, be laid on the table for the inspection of the members of Synod, with the view of obtaining subscribers.

10. *Resolved*, That the History of the American Lutheran Church, written by the Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., be recommended to the favorable consideration of this Synod.

Report No. 8.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

By the 3d. Resolution of last Synod, it was made the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to communicate certain facts relative to the

Shober land bequest, to the Board of Trustees of Theo. Seminary, at Gettysburg, which was accordingly done in a letter under date of May 11th, 1847. To which an answer was received, 22d. June, from Prof. Schmacker, stating that he had visited the land and made arrangements to sell it.

The Minutes of sister Synods that have come to hand are those of New York, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Hartwick, Tennessee, South Carolina, Eastern District of Ohio, Western Virginia, West Pennsylvania, and the Alleghany Synod of Pennsylvania. Abstracts of the proceedings of eight other Synods have been gathered from the Lutheran Observer.

1. *New York Synod :*—This synod held its 52d annual session in New Germantown, Hunterdon county, N. J., on Saturday, September 4th, 1847. It numbers 33 ordained ministers, and 8 licentiates; 6 were admitted at this session. The table of Parochial Reports, exhibits the following: 40 churches, 1,272 infant, and 15 adult baptisms; confirmations, 269; partakers of Lord's supper, 6,241; sunday schools, 32. This synod manifests commendable zeal in behalf of the sunday school, education, and foreign and domestic missionary enterprize. They have one or two sunday schools in almost every congregation, in which the youthful mind is trained up in the way of the Lord. From these nurseries, abundant harvests to the church may be anticipated. Notice is taken of our attempt to reconcile our synod and that of Tennessee. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President, James R. Keiser, Secretary.

2. *Virginia Synod :*—The 17th annual session of this synod was held in Churchville, Augusta county, May 6th—11th, 1847. The number of ordained ministers belonging to this synod, is 18; licentiates, 2. Rev S. Wagner, President, J. Few Smith, Secretary, and J. F. Campbell, Treasurer. The number of communing members reported is, 1,489. This synod is also moving onward, as appears from the number of prayer meetings and sunday schools; also the spirit of Missions is among them: May they be blessed in doing good.

3. *Synod of Maryland :*—This synod held its last annual meeting in Martinburg, October 14th—19th, 1847. It is composed of 33 ordained ministers, and 2 licentiates. Rev H. L. Baugher, President, Charles A. Hay, Secretary. 74 congregations and 8,995 commuing members. The Parochial report shows that this is an efficient body, who are engaged in the good work. From a statistical view of the Lutheran church in the United States, appended to these minutes, the following appears: 553 ministers, 1,284 congregations, 116,930 communicants: but this estimate is too low. This synod has two missionary stations under its care, viz: a German Mission in Baltimore and an English station in Washington city, D. C.

Our minutes were received, with many others, and the committee appointed to examine them seem to be much surprised at our slow

progress, exclaiming—"*In existence upwards of forty years it numbers but twelve Ministers!*" We acknowledge we are few, but what is our history? 23 years ago a friendly secession from the mother synod, formed the nucleus of the present flourishing synod of South Carolina, and 8 years ago another divisien formed the South-Western Virginia synod. And there is yet another cause of our diminutive stature: the unfortunate division occasioned by the formation of the Tennessee synod, the effects of which still exist, though we hope a brighter day will soon arise upon our church in the "old North State."

4. *Synod of Illinois:*—The minutes of the *first* session of this synod have been received, from which it appears that their first meeting was held in Zion's church, Hillsborough, Illinois, October 15, 1846. It numbers 7 ministers: Rev F. Springer, President, and A. A. Trimper, Secretary. They report 15 churches and 685 communicants. This synod has under its care a Literary Theological Institute, located at Hillsborough, Illinois, FRANCIS SPRINGER, Principal. It is represented as being in a flourishing condition. We pray the blessing of God upon these brethren in their arduous labors to build up the Kingdom of Christ in the "Far West."

5. *Hartwick Synod*—Held its 17th annual session in the Lutheran church of Waterloo. It numbers 20 ministers; its officers are, Rev G. A. Lintner, D. D., President, and Rev R. Dedrick, Secretatary. 29 congregations were reported, and 2,723 communicants. Particular attention is paid to sunday schools. The cause of foreign and domestic Missions receives the support of this synod, and the subject of Temperance is not overlooked. It also advocates the adoption of the New Liturgy, and encourages the Hymn Book Committee to recommend to the General Synod such alterations as may be deemed desirable in said book.

6. *Miami Synod*—Convened in Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, April 16th, 1847. The officers are D. P. Rosenmiller, President, and A. J. Waddle, Sec. Rev H. Wells was licensed to preached the gospel. The Wittenberg College is in a prosperous condition. This synod has existed only about three years, and numbers 25 ministers, and takes neutral ground upon the question of Old and New Measures.

7. *Synod of South West*—Met June of 6th, 1847, at Shofner's church, Tennessee. This synod is composed of 7 ministers: In connection with it are 17 congregations, 752 communicants. Rev. John Krack, President, Wm. Jenkins, Secretary. This was the first meeting of this new synod, and the spirit of Christ dwelt among them. May He abundantly bless and prosper them.

8. *Wittenburg Synod.*—This is a branch of the English Synod of Ohio, formed by permission of the Mother synod, into a seperate body, on the 8th June, 1847. It numbers 9 ordained ministers and 6 licentiates. Rev F. J. Rush, President, and J. Livengood, Sec.

They passed a resolution uniting themselves with the General Synod of the United States—adopting its Government, Discipline, and Hymn book. This synod is united with Miami Synod in the support and government of Wittenberg College. It condemns as detrimental to the interest the of Church, all secret societies, as that of Odd Fellowship and Masonic Lodges; and calls for a more extensive work on Theology than that of Dr. S. S. Schmacker, and recommends the General Synod to appoint him or some other competent person to prepare such a work.

9. *Synod of Michigan.*—This synod convened at Woodville, Sandusky county, Ohio, June 13th, 1847. This body sustains a Missionary among the Indians in that State: Its officers are—Rev F. Semidt, President, and Rev G. A. Cronenwette, Sec. It was resolved by this synod to commence the publication of a paper entitled, "Missionary Messenger." Its number of clerical members is 9.

10. *Pittsburg Synod.*—The members of this synod met at Leechburg, May 27th, 1847. There were 19 ordained ministers, with a goodly number of lay-delegates, present: Four students are preparing for the Ministry in the Academy under the care of this synod. Its officers are—Rev M. J. Steck, President, and G. F. Ehrenfeld, Sec. These brethren are going forward in organizing congregations and erecting houses of worship. Two applicants were licensed at this meeting. The Missionary spirit is also among these brethren—almost all of them acting the part of Missionaries—and they have been blessed in their labors of love.

11. *The German Evan. Lutheran Synod of Missouri.*—This is a new synod: it met for the first time in Chicago, Illinois, in May last. It is composed of 25 ministers, dispersed through six different States. The officers are—Rev C. F. W. Walther, President, Dr Sihler, Vice President, Rev Husman, Secretary, and Rev Barthel, Treasurer. These German brethren have not become fully Americanised yet, but it is to be hoped that they will accomplish good for the Church in the wilderness of the West.

12. *Synod of East Pennsylvania*—Held its annual convention in Germantown, on 17th September, and four following days: Rev F. Ruthraup, President, George Diehl, Secretary. The synod consists of 25 ministers. Rev D. Steck was ordained to the Ministry, and Joshua Evans was licensed. This synod is pledged to sustain eight beneficiaries this year. Religious apathy is lamented, and in part ascribed to the *war spirit*. This synod highly approves the New Liturgy, and recommends its adoption in all their churches.

13. *Synod of Tennessee.*—This synod held its last meeting in Bechler's church, Sullivan county, Tennessee, Oct. 2d—7th, 1847. It numbers 22 ministers, exclusive of six candidates, who were set apart at this meeting to the office of the Gospel Ministry. Its officers are, Rev J. Killian, Prsident, Rev A. J. Brown, Sec. The parochial reports show 789 baptisms, and 315 confirmations.

14. *Synod of South Carolina.*—The 24th convention of this flourishing body was held in Mt. Pilgrim church, Coweta co., Georgia, November 20th, 1847. Its officers are, Rev J. C. Hope, President, Rev G. Hottiwenger, Jr., Recording Secretary, and Rev J. F. W. Leppard, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. H. Muller, Treasurer of Seminary, and Mr. John Rouch, Tr. of Synod. This synod numbers 26 ordained ministers, 5 licentiates, and 14 students under the direction of the Ministerium. The parochial reports exhibit the following: Congregations, 47; baptisms, 459; confirmations, 181; communicants, 3078; sunday schools, 16; scholars, 527. It is worthy of remark that of the grand total of baptisms, 123 are colored; of confirmations, 44; of communicants, 439. It is a praiseworthy spirit in these brethren, seeing and ministering to the spiritual wants of these *Heathen at Home*, as well as those in distant lands.

From the reports of the Professor, Rev E. L. Hazelius, we are happy to learn that our Southern Theological Seminary is still in a flourishing and useful condition under the directing genius and wisdom of its able principal. On the 23d page of the minutes we notice the election of Rev J. F. W. Leppard, corresponding delegate to our synod. We regret his inability to be with us. This synod is rapidly extending its bounds and increasing in numbers. Two Missionaries were employed during the last year in the fields of the South-West, and if this enterprise be continued, (of which we have no doubt) it will not be long before we shall see another "*Synod of the West*," comprehending all the vast territory from Georgia to Texas. Onward, brethren, we bid you God speed!

This synod will hold its next annual meeting at Sandy Run, Lexington Dis., S. Carolina, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in November, 1848.

15. *The Eastern District Synod of Ohio*, convened in Jerusalem church, in Sagerstown, Crawford county, Penn. Sept. 22d, 1847. It numbers 17 ordained ministers and 6 licentiates, 5615 communicants, 26 sunday schools. The officers are, Rev J. Mechling, Prest. and Rev Scheveizerbarth, Secretary.

16. *Western Virginia Synod.*—This synod held its sixth annual convention in Chilhowee church, Smyth county, Va., August 28th, 1847. It numbers 8 ordained ministers. The officers are Rev J. J. Greever, President, Rev J. A. Brown, Secretary, and Rev. G. Scherer, Treasurer.—21 congregations, 148 baptisms, 1495 communicants, are reported. A resolution is found upon the 16th page of the minutes, to enter into a friendly correspondence with the Tennessee Synod. These brethren are as usual zealous in the Master's work: they also have much missionary ground to occupy. May they be blessed in their labors. Rev E. Hawkins was appointed delegate to our synod. The place of their next meeting is St. Peter's church, Wythe county, Va., and the time is Saturday before the last Sunday in August 1848.

Synod of West Pennsylvania—Convened in Mefflingburg, Union county, Penn., Sept. 23d., 1847. Its officers are, Rev. J. Oswalt, President, Rev. J. Ulrich, Secretary. This synod numbers 44 ordained ministers and 4 licentiates. Our minutes were received, and these brethren sympathise with us in our destitute condition, and pray the Great Head of the Church in our behalf.

By a resolution they make it the duty of each member of the synod to collect funds in aid of the Education Society. We rejoice to see that these brethren are earnestly engaged in supporting beneficiaries for the Gospel Ministry.

Alleghany Synod of Pennsylvania.—This synod convened in Blairsville, Indiana county, on the 30th Sept., 1847. It numbers 21 ministers. Rev. P. Sahm, President, Rev. J. Winecoff, Secretary.

We observe that this synod approves of the Liturgy of the General Synod, and recommend it to the adoption of their churches.—These brethren are engaged in Domestic Missions, and labor to sustain three Missionaries within their bounds, and also to support three beneficiaries in their course of education. We cannot but admire this praise-worthy spirit.

It may not be amiss to add that most of those synods from whom intelligence has been received, acknowledge the sad spiritual dearth now prevailing in the church; so that it exists abroad as well as among ourselves. 'Tis true, some new churches are in progress and congregations are gathering into them. But the field is wide and yet growing wider every year. New Theological Institutions are springing up, but there is a great deficiency of young men who will devote themselves to the Church. We, in North Carolina, feel this as sensibly, perhaps, as any other section of the church. The cry in every direction is, *More Ministers!* In view of our destitute condition, the following resolutions are recommended to the adoption of Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That each member of this Synod will use all lawful means to induce pious young men within our bounds to devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry; and that we will endeavor to sustain at least one beneficiary every year if necessary, with our Education Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That although we are fully persuaded that Ministers of the Gospel ought to be thoroughly educated men, yet under existing circumstances, pious laymen of sound mind might be serviceable to the church as exhorters, to conduct prayer meetings, sunday schools, &c. All such are earnestly requested to examine themselves to see whether the Lord has not a work for them to do.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER,

Corresponding Secretary.

Adopted.

11. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be excused from transcribing the above report into the Archives.

The Parochial Reports were now called for, and presented.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations, ...	Baptisms. Adults,	Baptisms. Infants	Confirmations,.....	Communicants, ...	Received by Letter,	Burials, ...	Expulsions,.....	Restorations, ...	Death of Members,	Dismissed,.....	Sunday Schools,...	Scholars,.....	Teachers,.....	Miss. & Ed. Soc'ts.	Prayer Meetings,...
Rev. J. D. Scheck,	2	45	1	50	600	6	19	3	1	16		2			2	
" Wm. Artz,.....	4	27	1	5	200		35									
" J. B. Anthony,	4	31	4	33	246	6	12		1	2					1	
" S. Rothrock, ...	2	44	3	7	470	1	22	2	1	7	2				2	
" B. Arey,.....	2	18	2	19	150		7					1				
" Wm. G. Harter,	4	37	5	34	453	4	8	2	2	6	3	1				
" J. Crim,.....	2	6			105		2									
" J. A. Linn,.....	3	15	3	25	155	3	12	1		4	6					1
" J. Swicegood,..	5	8		8	50		3			1		2				
" J. H. Coffinan,.	1		1	6	70		5			2		1	60	9		
Total,.....	29	231	20	187	2499	20	125	8	5	38	11	7	60	9	5	1
J. A. Linn's col. con	1	5	4	5	24		4				2					
J. B. Anthony's,....			2													

12. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to receive contributions to Synod.

Committee.—Rev. S. Rothrock and Mr. S. Nussman.

The Rev. C. F. Bansemer, of the South Carolina Synod was now introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat, and to unite with us in our deliberations.

The subject of Vacancies came next before the House, and among other destitute portions of our church, brother Arey directed the special attention of synod to the condition of our brethren in Catawba county.

Br. Swicegood gave us some information respecting the churches in Davidson and Stokes counties, and Br. J. B. Anthony also informed synod that he had partially supplied two vacant churches in Davidson county.

13. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet immediately after the rising of the Missionary Society this afternoon. Closed with a benediction.

The hour for divine service having arrived, Br. Crim preached from the text, Num. xxiii, 10. "Let me die the death of the righteous," &c. The President then arose and invited Br. Coffman forward, and proceeded to license him to the Gospel Ministry, according to the formula of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in obedience to a resolution of the Ministerium.

On the afternoon of Monday the Missionary Society held its meeting according to the resolution of last year. For the proceedings of which see Appendix A. When it rose the President of Synod called the members to order.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday Afternoon.

The roll was called, and the members answered to their names. The Rev. Mr. Rockwell, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat among us. The subject of vacant congregations was called up again, but a motion for adjournment prevailed.

14. *Resolved*, That we adjourn till to-morrow morning, 7 o'clock.

The President closed with a benediction.

At candle lighting the Rev. Mr. Rockwell preached in the Court House.

FIFTH SESSION.

May 9th, 7 o'clock, A. M.

After prayer by Br. Rothrock, the members of Synod answered to their names. The minutes were read and confirmed.

Report No. 9.

The committee appointed to receive the Synodical contributions, report that the following have been paid in:

CONTRIBUTIONS

From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.

Luther's Chapel, - - - - - - - -	$4 00
From Rev. W. Artz's charge, -	4 00

Rev. J. B. Anthony's charge.

Union Church,	3 00
St. Paul's "	3 56¼—6 56¼

Rev. S. Rothrock's charge.

Organ Church,	7 00
St. Stephen's Church,	2 27½—9 27½

Rev. B. Arey's charge.

St. Michael's Church,	1 25
Newton congregation,	4 13—5 38

Rev. G. W. Harter's charge.

St. James' Church,	3 00
St. Enoch's "	3 47½
Bethel "	1 25
Union "	32½—8 05

Rev. J. Crim's charge.

St. Matthew's Church,	1 15
Jerusalem, "	25—1 40

Rev. J. Swicegood's charge.

Nazareth Church,	52½
Hopewell "	52½—1 05

Rev. J. H. Coffman's charge.

St. John's Church, (Salisbury,)	3 00
Total,	$42 71¾

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
S. NUSSMAN.

Report No. 10.

The committee on Petitions and Vacancies would state, that all the papers that came to hand is a petition from the congregation in Salisbury, signed by the council of said church, in which they state that they consider brother Coffman, their present Pastor, a young man of piety, and calculated to be useful among them; and request that his labours be continued among them. We recommend that their request be granted.

As the subject of Vacancies has already been brought up and fully disposed of, we deem any further report upon this subject unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

B. AREY,
JONAS BOST,
S. NUSSMAN.

The subject of Vacancies was finally disposed of in the following manner:

A proposition was made, (as the last effort,) by Rev. W. G. Harter, to give up St. Enoch church for the present, that he might devote half his time to the people in Catawba county, and finally it was

15. *Resolved*, That the change proposed by Br. Harter in his pastorate so as to embrace the field in Catawba county, be acceded to on the part of this Synod; and that he receive fifty dollars compensation from the Synodical Treasury.

16. *Resolved*, That four be appointed to hold a protracted meeting near 2d. Creek, on the 2d. Sunday in June, commencing on Friday previous. Brothers Arey, Rothrock, Crim, and Coffman, were appointed.

17. *Resolved*, That a protracted meeting be held on the 5th Sunday in October, commencing on Friday before, at Hopewell church; and that Brothers Linn, Rothrock, Crim, and Anthony, attend.

18. *Resolved*, That the interest due at this time on our Seminary fund, be added to the principal, with the view of increasing our standing capital, so as to entitle us to a director in the Seminary.

19. *Resolved*, That the interest of Centenary fund be paid to the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society.

The Secretary now paid over $21 52½, interest on Seminary fund, whereupon it was,

20. *Resolved*, That Br. Rothrock take this interest and pay it over to the Treasurer of the Seminary.

There were $10 62½ from St. Enoch ch., and $1 20 from Bethel church, of Centenary money, paid over by W. G. Harter.

21. *Resolved*, That 10 dollars of the Centenary money paid over by Mr. Harter, be added to the Centenary capital; and the balance be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

22. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Synod greatly needs Ordination and Candidate licenses printed upon good paper and parchment, it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary to procure at least 12 of each for our future use; and that the Treasurer of the Synod be authorised to pay him the necessary cost.

23. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially given to the people of Newton and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the present meeting of Synod.

24. *Resolved*, That the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed: that two copies be sent to each Synod in the U. States, and five to those with whom we are in regular correspondence.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS.

To South Carolina—Rev. J. Crim.

To Western Virginia—Rev. B. Arey.

The place of our next meeting was now ballotted for. St. Paul's, Iredell; St. Enoch, Rowan; St. John's, Cabarrus; and St. Paul's, Rowan, were put in nomination. On counting the votes it appeared that St. John's church, Cabarrus county, N. C., was chosen. At this stage of our proceedings the Rev T. Moser was introduced and invited to a seat with us.

25. *Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn to meet on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in May, 1849, at the place above selected, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The President then arose and delivered a solemn and feeling address appropriate to the occasion; and closed the proceedings of this Synod by singing hymn 649 and by prayer.

WM. G. HARTER,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer.

Dr. Hazelius' letter, respecting the contemplated visit of Mr. Hopkins, was read. It would have been cheering to have seen brother H. among us.

The sermons and journals of the Licentiates were called for and presented.

1. *Resolved*, That all the ordained Ministers constitute a committee to examine the sermons and journals of our Licentiates.

In reference to brother Swicegood's journal it was

2. *Resolved*, That his journal gives pleasing evidence of industry in his ministerial labors.

Concerning brother Coffman's papers it was

3. *Resolved*, That brother Coffman's sermons and other papers be approved.

Br. Coffman was then examined according to our Constitutional rule, with a view to his licensure. After which, the question being put—Shall brother C's. examination be sustained? It was

4. *Resolved*, That brother Coffman's examination be sustained, and that he be licensed on Monday—

Which was accordingly done in open Synod after the usual 11 o'clock sermon on that day, by the President.

5. *Resolved*, That brother Swicegood's license be renewed.

Adjourned with a bendiction.

SECOND SESSION.

Opened with prayer by brother Rothrock.

After inquiry it appeared that there was no further business for the Ministerium, therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That we adjourn.

Closed with a benediction.

WM. G. HARTER,
Sec. of Ministerium.

APPENDIX. (A.)

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

Pursuant to an adjournment of last year, the Society met on Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M., May 8th, 1848, in Newton, Catawba county, N. C. The object of the Society was then stated, and its claims presented to the people by the President, when twenty-one enrolled themselves as members.

The Society next proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Rev. BENJ. AREY, *President*,
" J. CRIM, *Vice President*,
" JOS. A. LINN, *Secretary*,
Mr. D. BARRINGER, *Treasurer*.

The President made the following appointments :

As Executive Committee.—Rev. Messrs. J. B. Anthony, Wm. G. Harter and J. H. Coffman.

Board of Directors.—Rev. Messrs. Samuel Rothrock, and J. Crim, and Messrs. Jonas Bost, Wm. H. Smith, Capt J. Sloop, and J. Lutz.

The Treasurer now handed in his report, which was accepted, when it was,

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys intended for this Society, to pay them over to the Treasurer elect and take his bond.

Committee—Rev Wm. G. Harter, and Mr. Jonas Bost.

The Executive committee of last year reported verbally, that they had employed no missionary, expended no money, and consequently had no special report to make.

The committee whose duty it was to audit the Treasurer's accounts, receive moneys, pay them over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond, now reported.

Report No. 1.

In hands of former Treasurer, as per his report, in cash, notes, and an order for $110 00,		$583 83½
Contributions at present meeting, viz:		
Paid by members of the parent Society,	$7 37½	
Collection on Sabbath,	11 00	
Auxiliary society, St. James church, Concord, per Rev. W. G. Harter,	7 20	
" " St. Enoch's, per same,	1 52½	
" " Bethel,	5 02½	
Individual contributions at Union church, per same, as follows:		
Mr. John Eudy,	$—37½	
" Abraham Dry,	20	
" John Dry,	25——82½	
Collections from Rev. J. A. Linn's charge,	5 12¾——38 07¾	
Total amount,		$621 91¼

The committee appointed to examine Treasurer's accounts, receive moneys, pay them over to Treasurer elect, and take his bond beg leave to report that they have attended to this duty and find all correct. Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER,
JONAS BOST.

The claims of an indigent young man, now pursuing his studies at the Gettysburg Institutions, were now presented to the Society by several of the members, when a proposition was made by one of the brethren to give five dollars for one year to aid our young brother, if

nine others would do likewise, which was nobly responded to as follows:

PLEDGE LIST.

Auxiliary Society, Organ church, per S. Rothrock,		$5 00
" " St. Stephen's, per S. Nussman,		5 00
Rev. J. B. Anthony,		5 00
" J. A. Linn,		5 00
" Wm. G. Harter,		5 00
" J. H. Coffman,		5 00
" J. Crim,		5 00
" Benj. Arey,		5 00
" J. Swicegood,		5 00
Mr. D. Barringer,		5 00
Capt. J. Sloop,		5 00
Mr. Wm. H. Smith,		5 00
		$60 00

II. *Resolved*, That brother J. S. Heilig, receive $20 from our Missionary and Education society in addition to the foregoing amount pledged; and that the Secretary inform him of our action forthwith.

CLAIMS AGAINST MISS. AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Ordered, That the following claims be paid out of the Treasury of the society:

To Rev. J. Swicegood, for Miss. services in Davidson and Stokes counties,		$80 00
To " B. Arey, for services in Catawba county,		20 00
To " J. B. Anthony, due him on postage,		20

III. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to collect the claims due by Mr. John Krimminger to this society, if possible.

The President then appointed the Rev J. H. Coffman to preach the Missionary and Education sermon at our next meeting of Synod.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer send on to brother Heilig, the sum of eighty dollars, appropriated to him for Education purposes, in

two installments as may suit his convenience, and that the money pledged on his behalf, be paid into the Miss. and Ed. Society's Treasury, as a substitute.

V. *Resolved*, That extracts of the proceedings of this Society be appended to, and printed with the minutes of our Synod.

VI. *Resolved*, That this Society now adjourn, to convene again at 2 o'clock on Monday, at the place of the next meeting of our Synod.

JOS. A. LINN,

Sec. Miss. and Ed. Society.